

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 6, 7, 10, 14-17, and 19 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Allowable claims 6, 7, and 10 have been amended to be in independent form including the recitations of claim 1 and all intermediate claims.

Claims 1-2, 5, 8-9, 11-18 and 21 were cancelled. Claim 20 had been previously cancelled.

Claim 19 continues to depend from claim 6.

Claims 14-17 were also indicated to be allowable.

Claim 14 was a combination of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. Claim 6 is a combination of claims 1, 2, 5, and 6. Therefore the difference between claims 6 and 14 is the recitations of claim 3. Claim 3 was therefore amended to depend from claim 6, and as amended, claim 3 corresponds to allowable claim 14.

Claim 15 was a combination of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Claim 6 is a combination of claims 1, 2, 5, and 6. Therefore the difference between claims 6 and 15 is the recitations of claim 4. Claim 4 was therefore amended to depend from claim 6, and as amended, claim 4 corresponds to allowable claim 15.

Claim 16 was a combination of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7. Claim 7 is a combination of claims 1, 2, 5, and 7. Therefore the

difference between claims 7 and 16 is the recitations of claim 3. New claim 22 is a copy of claim 3 and depends from claim 7. Thus, new claim 22 corresponds to allowable claim 16.

Claim 17 was a combination of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7. Claim 7 is a combination of claims 1, 2, 5, and 7. Therefore the difference between claims 7 and 17 is the recitations of claim 4. New claim 23 is a copy of claim 4 and depends from claim 7. Thus, new claim 23 corresponds to allowable claim 17.

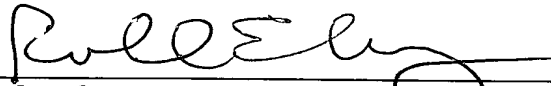
In summary, allowable claims 6, 7, and 10 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Allowable claim 19 depends from claim 6. Claims 3-4 correspond to allowable claims 14-15. New claims 21-22 correspond to allowable claims 16-17.

In view of the above, applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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